

ing been an entire success. We recognize the fact that the enthusiasm of such meetings is something that can not be put on paper.

THE week of prayer is being observed by the Ashland City church. Services each evening during the week. Song, prayer, Bible readings, and talks by the members, constitute the services.

No one interested in the cause of the Brethren church can afford to be without the EVANGELIST. It keeps you informed on all the various lines of church work as it is developing in the brotherhood. The year 1898 promises to be the greatest in the history of our organization, and you do well to watch these developments. Subscribe for the EVANGELIST and let it make its weekly visits to your home. It will tell you what the Brethren church is doing, and also what she ought to do.

LET us remember that those of us who bear the name Christian are custodians of the honor of Christ. Whatever we say or do is said and done as a representation of Christ, and will either add to the glory of his name or dim its lustre. Does your life add to the honor and glory of the name of Jesus, or do you bring dishonor upon that holy name by wrong doing? Let us carefully guard that holy name among men in the world. Every noble deed done, every true word spoken, every manifestation of a kindly Christian spirit, adds to the strength of the cause of Christ. We are living for him, and every moment should be lived to his honor and glory.

DOWN in Texas, at McGregor, the Christian or Campbellite church, is in a turmoil over some non-essential points and a contest in the courts has been inaugurated to settle the title to the building. There are two factions, the progressive and non-progressive. The progressive faction hold to the doctrine that a candidate for membership who has been baptized by immersion in any other Protestant church may be admitted without being re-baptized, that instrumental music is admissible in church choirs, that the church may organize missionary work and use Sunday school literature therein, the Ladies' Aid societies and the Christian Endeavor societies should be encouraged. All these propositions are denied by the non-progressive faction, and they have protested from the time of the organization of the church, in 1883, against such doctrines. They have, however, been unable to control the election of officers and their protests have not availed them. A few weeks ago the non-progressives took possession of the church house and barred the doors against the other faction and have since that time refused to allow any of the progressive element to enter. The latter decided to resort to the courts, and on yesterday filed an application for an injunction restraining the non-progressives from interfering with their use of the church house. These people are way behind the age. We

have long ago passed thro this stage and the troubles here referred to are among us things of the past and live in memory only. We sympathize with the church that is now passing thro the period which has left for us some very unpleasant memories. May the right speedily triumph.

THE FIVE HUNDRED

Perhaps our readers have already grown weary of seeing the above heading week after week. But as long as the list grows it should be a matter of interest to every reader of the paper. Eleven more have been added during the last week making a grand total of 469, and leaving but thirty-one more to secure to make the 500. Surely this is encouraging. In last issue we gave it as our opinion that the 500 would be reached, and the record of the past week confirms us in our opinion. Why not close up the matter during the next week? Before the next paper goes out we can have the 500 if we will. Will we?

Annie M. Snyder,	2
J. B. Wampler,	4
I. M. Murray,	5
Total,	11
Previously reported,	458
To date,	468

THE COLLEGE

Multitudes are inquiring, "How about the College?" Many of our people are intensely interested in the cause of our school and earnestly desire that the debt should be paid, and as an evidence of their sincerity, *they have paid their apportionment*. Within the last thirty days there has been a marked revival of interest, even among those who formerly showed no disposition whatever to aid in liquidating the debt. We speak encouragingly and we do so because we have good ground for our hope. There have been several private contributions from unexpected sources, and other contributions are ready to carry forward the work when the debt is paid. Indeed we (speaking of ourselves personally) have partial promises of what will most agreeably surprise the entire brotherhood when the debt is paid. Brethren, we can positively not afford to let this thing linger any longer. Our honor, our Christian manhood, the cruse which we love, these cry aloud, *pay the debt*. Come, brethren and friends of the institution, let us stand up as one man and declare our integrity by cancelling the debt, fulfilling it as Christ fulfilled the law, by a perfect obedience to it. Many years ago, when some of the States of this fair Union repudiated their honest debts, the State of Illinois too was about to be guilty of the same crime by an act of the legislature which was then in session. It was then that Stephen A. Douglass, (tho so sick that he

had to be carried to the halls of the legislature on a mattress) in tones of thunder that seemed to echo and re-echo thro the Commonwealth from center to circumference, offered this resolution which was carried with enthusiasm, "Resolved, That Illinois will be *honest*." She paid her debts, and today is one of the most prosperous and wealthy states in the union. Brethren, in the name of God whose we are and whom we serve, "Resolved, that the Brethren church will be *honest*." If ten thousand of her members could be brought together in one vast assembly, this resolution would pass with great enthusiasm. Then let us prove the sincerity of our enthusiasm by paying the debt. Let us do this and a new era will draw upon the brotherhood, an era that will crown us victors for God and the purity of the gospel.

TO OUR READERS

Dear Brethren and Sisters: If it were possible we should like to have a personal conversation with each reader of the EVANGELIST. This however can not be, and the next best thing is to talk to all of you at the same time thro the medium of the paper. The several matters to which we wish to call your attention are not logically connected. They are different in character, tho we hope to interest you in each and all of them.

1. We kindly, and in as brotherly a way as we know how, ask you to renew your subscription as early as possible. We ask this for the Board's sake. It has heavy obligations to meet, and a dollar and fifty cents for the great majority of our readers, is far easier to pay, than \$700, or \$800, is for the Board. These larger amounts are made up of the smaller amounts. Shall not *your* \$1 50 be one of the small amounts that help to make this larger sum? We believe you will try.

2. There have been complaints that the paper comes very irregularly. The EVANGELIST is dated Wednesday of each week. We acknowledge that the paper has gone out late a number of times, but if you were acquainted with all the circumstances we feel sure that you would offer no complaint whatever. Your servant now does the work for which other churches pay *three* men. But we do not complain. We gladly do this work, tho it requires sixteen hours out of every twenty four. In justice to ourselves we wish to say that no blame can attach to the editor for any of the papers being late at any time. Our work, tho very heavy, is always ready. It may not be amiss to say that in addition to our editorial work, we mail with our own hands, most of the *Cheering Words*, *Our Little Folks* and the *Quarterlies*; also the Annual. Of the fifty times the EVANGELIST was mailed during 1897, it was mailed on time, that is on Wednesday,